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SEE TO-MORROW'S REPUBLIC FOR LEADING MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK BARGAINS.

POSTAL CLERK CHARGED WITH RIFLING MAIL SACKS IN HIS CARE

Inspectors Arrest Arthur L. North as He Steps From Car at Union Station.

EMPHATICALLY DENIES GUILT.

Search of Prisoner's Clothing Reveals Marked Bills That Had Been Inclosed in a "Test" Letter.

THEFTS OCCUR REGULARLY.

Post Office Officials Watch Mail Trains Between St. Louis and Kansas City for Months to Discover Location of "Leak."

Arthur L. North of No. 3184 Morgan street, a postal clerk on the Missouri Pacific Railroad between St. Louis and Kansas City, was arrested at Union Station yesterday by Post-Office Inspectors J. D. Bunsen, E. F. Martin and W. B. Platt for rifling the United States mail. Two marked bills were found secreted in one of his socks. The arrest was made as North stepped from the Missouri Pacific train which arrives from Kansas City at 6 p. m. For months past the postal authorities have been receiving complaints that letters mailed at points on the Missouri Pacific Railroad between Kansas City and St. Louis did not reach their destinations. Post Office Inspector Dice, several weeks ago, put Inspectors Bunsen, Martin and Platt on the case. From facts which they learned, North was believed to be the clerk who was responsible for the rifling of the letters.

SMALL SUMS MISSED FROM ORDINARY MAIL. In every instance the mail lost consisted of ordinary letters containing from \$1 to \$5. No registered letters in packages were molested. In a number of instances reports of stamps being taken from letters were received by Chief Inspector Dice. Knowing that only ordinary letters were rifled, the Secret Service officials addressed a "test" letter to Labadie, a station on the Missouri Pacific, and mailed it at Gray's Summit, a few miles further west. In the letter two \$1 bills were placed, the number, the series and other distinguishing marks being carefully noted by the officers. Another letter, likewise containing two \$1 bills, was addressed to a different station.



ARTHUR L. NORTH. Arrested for rifling letters on Missouri Pacific mail car.

The letter addressed to Labadie never reached its destination, one of the officers being there to ascertain this fact. He immediately communicated with Post Office Inspector Dice and North's arrest was ordered. Inspectors Martin and Bunsen were instructed to take him into custody as soon as the 6 o'clock Missouri Pacific train arrived. North was arrested and thoroughly searched by the inspectors.

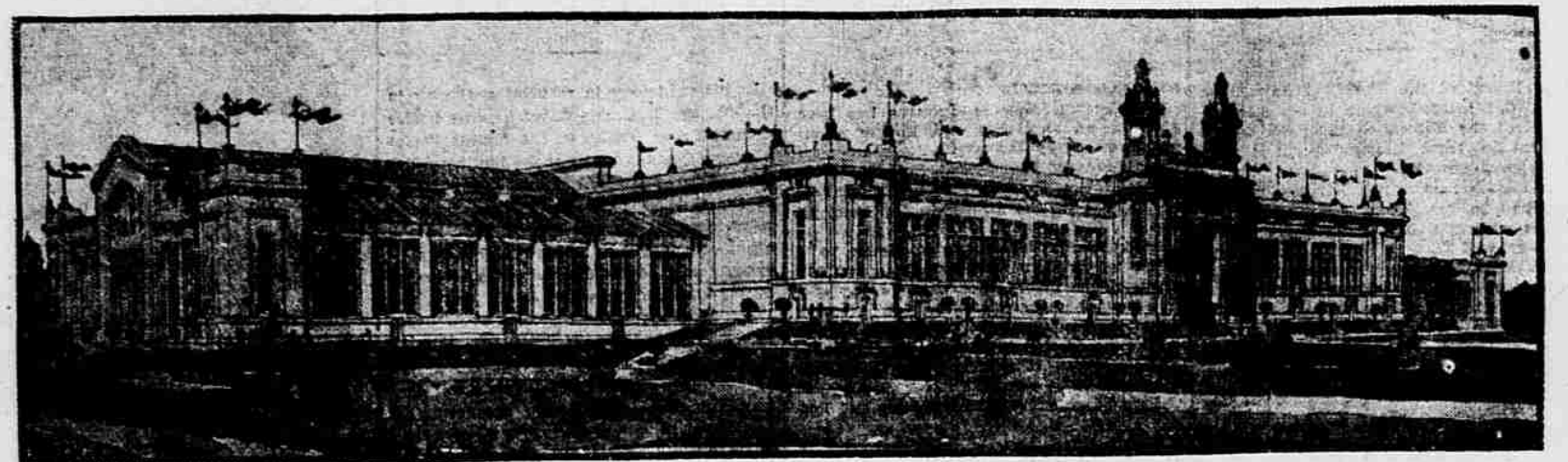
All of his pockets and different parts of his clothing were gone through. When it was thought the search would prove fruitless both bills were found secreted in one of North's socks. North was brought to Chief Inspector Dice's office and then before United States Commissioner Gray, who fixed his bond at \$1,000. Doctor W. G. Moore of No. 86 Vandeventer place was present and signed the bond.

After being released North still protested his innocence. North is 28 years old, is married and has one child. He was appointed a postal clerk sixteen years ago in Montana and has been continuously in the service.

In 1888 he was transferred to St. Louis and has been detailed to the run between St. Louis and Kansas City. No suspicion had ever attached to him until letters began to be missed with such regularity on the St. Louis and Kansas City run.

The postal clerks on all runs between these two points were closely watched and North's associates were the inspectors who saw North tear up a letter soon after leaving Gray's Summit. A hearing of the case has been set for 11 o'clock this morning in the United States District Court.

HORTICULTURE BUILDING AT WORLD'S FAIR.



PALACE OF HORTICULTURE IS IN THE FORM OF A GREEK CROSS, THE CENTRAL PORTION BEING RAISED HIGHER THAN THE ARMS. IT IS TO BE 1,000 FEET BY 525 FEET WIDE.

BUSCHE'S CONFESSION IMPLICATES CARROLL AND "BILL" PHELPS

Former Senator Says He Received \$500 From Railroad Lobbyist.

HIGGINS'S EXCISE SCANDAL.

Folk Advised That \$10,000 Is Used for Bill Affecting Seibert's Predecessor's Fees.

TRANSIT BRIBE OF \$250,000.

Circuit Attorney to Finish St. Louis Boodling Cases Before Going Further With the State Investigation.

Former Senator Busche's written confession implicates John H. Carroll, legislative agent of the Burlington Railroad, and the Kansas City stock yards, as well as "Colonel Bill" Phelps of the Missouri Pacific, Pullman Car Company and telephone companies. According to Busche, Carroll paid him \$500 for his influence with Representative Frederick Mackensen, a Republican member of the House. The \$500, says Busche, was handed over after he had persuaded Mackensen not to expose and denounce Carroll on the floor of the House in the session of 1899 for offering him a bribe of \$500 to vote against a certain bill.

The element of humor is not lacking in the plain statement of Busche. "One day Carroll came to me," says Busche, "and seemed to be greatly excited and worried. He told me that Mackensen had taken umbrage at him and threatened to disclose on the floor of the House an offer of \$500 which he had made to him on a certain proposition. 'I will give you \$500 if you will persuade him to keep his mouth shut,' Carroll explained to me. 'I don't want to be disgraced by any such speech.' 'I went over to Mackensen and found him in a great stew. He was for giving the whole thing away. I worked with him for a long time, but finally secured his promise not to say anything.'"

Not so many days ago Colonel Morse of the Kansas City Stock Yards testified that John H. Carroll received an annual salary of \$5,000 from his company to prevent legislation inimical to the corporation. Whether the \$500 to which Busche refers was a part of this salary is not known.

Next to Phelps, it is probable that Carroll is the best-known railroad lobbyist in the State. He was raised under the instruction of the late John O'Day. He is known for his entertaining and good spirits. He has been attending sessions of the Missouri General Assembly for about twelve years, until the present session, when he was transferred to Washington, D. C., where he has been lobbying with Senators and Congressmen.

EXTORTION COMMISSIONER AND TRANSIT SCANDALS.

According to evidence in the Circuit Attorney's hands, \$10,000 was spent to modify the bill affecting the Excise Commissioner's office of St. Louis two years ago.

The bill as originally introduced made the office a salaried one. At that time, all of the fees went to the Excise Commissioner, Charles P. Higgins. When the bill finally became a law, the Excise Commissioner received 40 per cent of the fees as at present. The compromise was reached after Governor Stephens had sent a message to the General Assembly advocating the bill fixing a salary.

Charles P. Higgins will be called before the Grand Jury when it reconvenes, and it is expected that he will tell the details of how the original bill was changed.

R. P. Thompson, chief deputy clerk under Higgins and the present Commissioner, J. M. Seibert, was a witness yesterday, but could shed no light on the matter. "I did not think that Mr. Higgins cared very much about the bill, judging from the way he acted," said Mr. Thompson. During this session Senator William J. Stone spent much time in Jefferson City lobbying against the bill. He is said to have received a salary of \$600 a year from Higgins to act as an attorney. It is not thought that Stone knew the exact procedure by which the bill was changed. Unless the statements of witnesses are widely wrong, there are indications that at least \$250,000 was spent in passing the

LYMAN T. HAY WILL MANAGE TWO-MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL

A. B. Gaines Signs Ten-Year Lease and Will Be President of New Company, Which Will Be Organized To-Day—Name of Hostelry to Be Made Known at Meeting—Business Men to Take Stock.

Lyman T. Hay, manager of the Arlington and Eastman hotels at Hot Springs, Ark., will be the manager of the new hotel in course of erection at Twelfth and Locust streets.

A ten-year lease was signed yesterday by A. B. Gaines, president of the New York Hotel Company, and the Hotel Realty Company, who are erecting the building, and a company will be formed to-day, with Mr. Gaines as president and Mr. Hay as manager.

The name of the new hostelry has been decided upon, but Mr. Hay declined to make it public until the directors meet upon it to-day. The company operating the hotel will have the same name as the hotel.

More than one hundred business men of the city have expressed a desire to take stock in the hotel company. Two, who are interested in the New York Hotel Com-

pany and will own stock in the company now forming, are Colonel S. W. Fordyce of St. Louis and Daniel F. Platt of Englewood, N. J.

The structure will be twelve stories high and will cost \$2,000,000. The furnishings will cost \$200,000. This lavish expenditure, Mr. Hay says, will give St. Louis the finest hotel west of New York City.

Every modern improvement will be installed to add comfort to the guests. The house will have 450 rooms and 500 private bathrooms. The other rooms will be directly connected with a bathroom.

The European plan will predominate. A cuisine which will be unexcelled is promised by the management. Work will be pushed rapidly to complete the building, and Mr. Hay says that the hotel will be thrown open to the public May 1, 1904.

HARTMANN'S TRIAL WILL BEGIN TO-DAY

Famous Lighting Bill Scandal Story to Be Aired in Court.

ED BUTLER IS IMPLICATED.

Charged That He Paid Defendant and Eighteen Fellow Members of House of Delegates \$47,500 for Votes.

The city lighting scandal will be aired for the first time in court during the next few days, when Ed Hartmann, former member of the House of Delegates, faces a jury in Judge Ryan's court to-day to answer a charge of accepting \$2,500 for his vote.

With the return of John K. Murrell from Mexico, Circuit Attorney Folk obtained conclusive evidence on which to indict Hartmann and fifteen of his fellow-members of the House of Delegates combine on charges of bribery in connection with the city lighting scandal.

As related by the principal witnesses for the State, John K. Murrell, E. E. Murrell, John Helms, Otto Schumacher, George F. Robertson and William M. Tamblin, the city lighting scandal was one of the most daring pieces of bribery ever committed in the city.

Their evidence has caused the indictment of Ed Butler and made Charles F. Kelly decamp to Europe and remain until after the statute of limitations had expired in order that he could not be called upon to testify who supplied the \$47,500 which was paid for nineteen votes in the House.

It is alleged that Ed Butler called the nineteen combine members together on the floor of the House of Delegates the night the bill was voted on, and said:

"You fellows each will receive \$2,500 for your vote on this bill, and not another cent. It must be passed. When you have passed it send a man to my office for the money."

The bill was passed. Witnesses for the State say that Charles F. Kelly was sent to the home of Julius Lehmann, where the now celebrated "birthday party" was given.

Hartmann will be represented by six lawyers, Charles C. Krone, chief counsel; Thomas Mulvihill, William H. Clark, Chester H. Krum, John Gernert and Thomas J. Rowe. Krum, Gernert and Rowe are attorneys for Ed Butler.

Circuit Attorney Folk and his assistants, C. Orrick Bishop, Andrew C. Maroney and George Fickelstein, will prosecute the case. Most of to-day, it is believed, will be taken up in the selection of the jury.

WALTER VROOMAN TO FIGHT WIFE'S SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Promoter of Co-operation Scheme at Trenton, Mo., Instructs Attorney to Deny All Allegations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Trenton, Mo., May 18.—H. C. Smith of Trenton, attorney for Walter Vrooman, said to-day that he was instructed to deny every allegation in Mrs. Vrooman's petition for divorce, and that the defendant desired a speedy and complete trial of the case as a means of his vindication.

The fact that Annie Vrooman had filed a divorce suit against her husband, the promoter of the noted co-operative schemes here, was not known locally until after it appeared in the metropolitan press.

After the papers were filed in the Circuit Clerk's office they were at once removed and sent to Kansas City. Mr. Vrooman has always been regarded as a visionary, and his enterprises were never popular.

Both he and Mrs. Vrooman have been absent a great deal of the time in the past few months. The latter spent a week here the first part of May and in that time Mr. Vrooman paid Trenton a visit of about twenty-four hours.

It is understood that he sought an interview with his wife, and that this was denied. So far as known in Trenton, the domestic relations of the Vroomans were very pleasant. Mrs. Vrooman is highly esteemed.

KELLEY DEFIANT BUT FEARS AN ATTEMPT AT KIDNAPING.

Says He Is Only Wanted as a Witness in Missouri, and Will Return When He Is "Good and Ready"—Politics, He Says, at Bottom of Boodle Inquiry.

ACTS EXCITEDLY AND APPEARS IN HIGHLY NERVOUS CONDITION.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Quebec, Quebec, May 18.—Daniel J. Kelley forgot himself and his resolution not to talk just for a moment or two to-night.

"What I've got to say," he said, "would do you no good to hear and me no good at present to say."

"All this business is simply a political affair. There is nothing else in it. 'At all events, what they want me for is not extraditable. I am only wanted, you know, as a witness to tell what I know about others, and they are making these charges to get me back. But when I return it will simply be because I am good and ready.'"

"Then I may say that you have been given to understand that you are only wanted as a witness?" said The Republic correspondent.

"No, you needn't say anything at all about that. They know all about it down there," he replied.

"They say that you came here under an alias?"

"Nothing of the kind. I registered here under my own name, as you will see on the book—Daniel J. Kelley, with two 'e's' in Kelley. See that you spell it right. Look here, too—here are some of my letters properly addressed which have just reached me."

And he produced numerous letters from his pocket to prove his assertion.

PAPERS ADDRESSED TO "JAY D. JAY." "But you received mail matter when you first came here under the name of Jay D. Jay?"

"Oh, yes, those were only newspapers. I had my papers from St. Louis sent to that address, because I did not want those newspaper people to know where I was. That was all there was to that."

"And about the bribery charges?" was asked.

"I will say nothing except that it is all a matter of politics. Those politicians down there are trying to make capital out of all this."

"And all this is to it. I could tell a good story about it, but I won't. I have nothing to say."

"You were in New York?"

"I have been in New York. Yes, I have nothing more to say. It's no use trying to force me. I am not going to talk at all. Good night."

And he went away, apparently believing that he had said nothing at all.

NERVOUS MANNER. The Republic correspondent met the advance man of a traveling circus here to-day who knew Kelley in St. Louis some time ago, and he tells me that his manner has completely changed from what it was and that the baggy appearance of his clothes and his present nervous manner are not natural to him.

He certainly looks to be upon the verge of nervous prostration. He twirled his hands awkwardly and excitedly while talking, and his fingers twitched unconsciously.

He has succeeded so far in convincing the newspapers and people of Quebec that he is only wanted in St. Louis as a witness. Even to-day that story is printed here.

PRESIDENT BREAKS ALL YOSEMITE COACH RECORDS.

Sits on the Front Seat With Driver and Enjoys Getting Covered With Dust.

Berenda, Cal., May 18.—President Roosevelt broke all road records for Yosemite Park travel to-day when his coach came from Yosemite to Raymond, where his train waited, in ten hours of actual travel. The distance is sixty-nine miles.

The President passed last night in camp at Bridal Falls, a few miles from the Post Office at Yosemite. He slept soundly, and when he awoke this morning declared he had never felt better in his life.

Members of Kelly party who had passed Saturday afternoon and Sunday at Yosemite joined the President at the falls. He bade good-bye to his guides, Leydig and Leonard, and mounted to his seat on the coach beside the driver.

The driver of the President's coach was on his knees and he put his horses to their best paces.

The run from Awahnee to Raymond was the dustiest of the trip and the President and his traveling companions were badly in need of baths when they reached their train.

When Berenda was reached the President came a large crowd gathered to greet him. A special train from Fresno brought members of the Chamber of Commerce and their friends and they warmly greeted the President as he appeared on the rear platform of his car. He made a brief address thanking the people for coming to see him.

INVESTIGATION OF KILLING. Grand Jury Examines Witnesses in Cummings Case.

The Grand Jury yesterday morning investigated the killing of Dennis Cummings, who was killed several weeks ago by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Cummings, in a room at No. 214 Locust street.

More than a dozen witnesses were examined. Whether a vote to indict Mrs. Cummings, who claims the killing was done in self-defense, was taken, will doubtless not be known until the Grand Jury makes a partial report.

DANVILLE COAL MINES SOLD. Chicago Man Pays \$2,700,000 for Kellyville Properties.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Danville, Ill., May 18.—John R. Walsh of Chicago has purchased the Kellyville coal mines, adjoining this city, for \$2,700,000. The purchase embraces 3,500 acres of land, including 12,000 tons of coal daily, giving employment to 1,200 men.

The hotel people do their best to save him annoyance, and newspaper men are carefully kept away from him. To all inquiries, except to Colonel Gaynor, Kelley is always out, and when met face to face his only remark in answer to all questions is that he will say nothing.

The Republic correspondent remarked to him to-day that the newspapers here were all down on him because he would not tell them anything, and he replied that he would neither tell them anything nor yet see any of their men, and that if they said anything about him he would promptly jail them for libel. They must have heard similar threats from him before, for they are not saying anything.

COLONEL GAYNOR HIS ONLY FRIEND. Colonel Gaynor seems to be Kelley's only friend. The Colonel came here just a year before Kelley, and under somewhat similar circumstances. He came from Savannah, where he was under indictment for alleged frauds in connection with Government harbor work.

Together with his late partner, Captain Greene, he was through the proceedings taken against him by the Attorney General's Department at Washington for extradition and came out successful. But he must remain in Canada, so that two men, who were unacquainted before they met here, are now fast friends and personal sympathizers.

Colonel Gaynor has apparently been teaching Kelley the ropes. The latter lacks Gaynor's nerve, but he has followed his example and has retained his clever lawyer, Alexander Tschersauer, a brilliant member of one of Canada's first families, himself the nephew of the late Cardinal Tschersauer and son of the late Judge Tschersauer. He is the nephew of Sir A. P. Caron, late Minister of Militia, as well as of Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice. His uncle and cousin are both Judges, and he is both a member of Parliament and of the law firm to which Charles Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice for the Dominion, and N. Parent, Prime Minister of the Province, and Mayor of Quebec, belong.

KELLEY HAS A DETECTIVE ON GUARD. Mr. Tschersauer is an experienced lawyer, but he is influential and talented and but for his judicial exercise of his talents and his influence on behalf of Gaynor and Greene, these men might now have been the hands of the United States authorities instead of luxuriating in the elegant Chateau Frontenac, sniffing the breeze of the St. Lawrence.

Mrs. Kelley looks well and comfortable enough, much more so than her husband. Her appears to be constantly afraid that something is going to happen to him; perhaps he may suspect a repetition of the trick tried on Gaynor, and may fear an attempt to kidnap him and take him over the line.

At all events, he has a detective employed to keep him thoroughly posted as to all that may concern him. His wife has made a couple of trips south since she came here with him, and is now taking him on short trips into the surrounding country. Present indications are that Kelley will be here for some time.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 4:46 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 7:38. THE MOON RISES TO-MORROW MORNING AT 12:54.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—JULY WHEAT 70 3/4c ASKED; JULY CORN 42 1/2c ASKED. CHICAGO—JULY WHEAT 74 3/4c BID; JULY CORN 44 1/2c BID.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. For St. Louis—Unsettled weather and showers to-day; cooler to-night; fresh to brisk southerly winds.

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COLONEL PHELPS LEAVES ARIZONA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Phoenix, Ariz., May 18.—Colonel W. H. Phelps, the Missouri politician, left here to-day on his private car, with his daughter, for Asheville, N. C.

C. Colonel Phelps said that he intends to return to Missouri in June.